



MAP Slovenia
Contribution to the policy process at national level

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Overview

National MAP composition:

- Science: 12 institutions
- Policy: 6 institutions
- Society: 6 institutions

2021 topic : Diversification of the rural economy





Activities implemented by the MAP

1) Implementation of 3 MAP cycles:

- Landscape features (pilot)
- Rural vision,
- Diversification of the rural economy

2) Main activities:

- Literature review
- Workshops
- Focus groups
- Invitation of key experts for specific fields



Contribution to the policy process at national level

- 1) **Landscape features:** MAP helped to introduce the topic at national level and its inclusion in SP as a novelty
 - Success story
- 2) **Rural vision:** MAP paper contributed as national paper to the EU-level debate. Good media presence.
 - Solid story
- 3) **Diversification of the rural economy:** Good debate and the participants learned a lot, but less impact on policy and no significant public response.



Factors of future MAP success/longevity

- Importance of the topic!
- New relevant topic for public policy debate
- Interest by the national ministry and stakeholders
- Research expertise in the country is a limit for knowledge transfer
- Building policy network (standing MAP meetings, formal and informal communication, good work and coordination...)
- Very active role of young participants is necessary for breaking with routine...
- Regular funding necessary, also after project. Idea is solid, but needs permanent work...